

Factsheet: Proposed HW Greenham & Sons Rendering Plant

HW Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd (Greenham) are planning to recommence rendering operations at their abattoirs at 2121 Finlay Road, Tongala after ceasing rendering in 2004.

The new state of the art plant will process animal by-products currently trucked offsite, increasing the sustainability of the business and reducing road traffic.

What is rendering?

Rendering is a process that involves crushing and 'cooking' animal materials into stable, useable products such as tallow and bone meal that is used in the manufacture of soaps and stock feeds.

The proposed rendering plant will be enclosed, with odour captured at the source and directed to a bio-filter. All stages of processing will strictly comply with EPA Victoria standards.

What will the rendering plant look like?

The proposed rendering plant will be fully enclosed in a concrete and colorbond® shed at the rear of the abattoirs with partial visibility from Finlay & Watsons Road. The closest residence to this facility is approximately 700 metres.

Are there any impacts?

The proposed rendering plant will be designed in accordance with best available practice and methods.

It will be fully enclosed, with odour from the plant captured through hoods on all odour sources and sent to a bio-filter. The odour from the proposed rendering plant will be less than those from the existing abattoir and waste water treatment ponds.

Any noise sources, e.g. from additional machinery and pumps, will be acoustically treated to ensure no off-site noise issues.

The proposed rendering plant will reduce the number of current truck movements entering and leaving the premises.

Are any approvals required?

Approvals for the proposed rendering plant will be required from Campaspe Shire Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Anyone interested will have the opportunity to object or raise issues with the Council or EPA.

An agreement will also be required with Goulburn Valley Water to accept waste water from the proposed plant.

Following approval, the plant is proposed to be built in the second half of 2019.

Where can I view the plans?

Plans of the proposed rendering plant and shed are available for viewing at:

IGA store, 31 Mangan Street, Tongala; or online at: www.greenham.com.au/feedback.html

How can I have my say?

Greenham has appointed an independent consultant, Spence Consulting Group, to manage the community consultation and prepare a report for the EPA. The Council planning permit application will be undertaken as a separate process.

Spence Consulting Group is seeking feedback on the proposed rendering plant. Your comments are requested by 27 March 2019.

A feedback form is available at: www.spence-consulting.com/greenham

You're invited to a drop-in session

A drop-in session is planned at the Tongala Football & Netball Club between 4pm and 8pm on Wednesday 20 March 2019. Come down and discuss the proposal at Doug Nicholls Drive, Tongala Vic 3620.

You can view the plans, ask any questions you might have and complete a feedback form in person.

Questions?

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